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STATE 911 DEPARTMENT





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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. c. 6A, § 18H and M.G.L. Chapter 30A, the State 911 Department will hold public hearings relative to 560 CMR 3.00: Regulations Establishing an Equitable and Reasonable Method for the Remittance and Collection of a Surcharge on Prepaid Wireless Telephone Service.

The public hearings will be held on:

April 6, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at One Ashburton Place, 21st Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02108;

April 9, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at Springfield Technical Community College, 38 Federal Street, Room 317, Springfield, Massachusetts 01102; and

April 13, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at Worcester City Hall, 455 Main Street, 3rd Floor, Esther Howland South Chamber, Worcester, Massachusetts 01608.

These proposed regulations establish an equitable and reasonable method for the remittance and collection of a surcharge on prepaid wireless telephone service. The proposed regulations provide that, on or after July 1, 2009, there shall be a surcharge in the amount of seventy-five (75) cents per month imposed on each subscriber, end user, or customer whose communication services are capable of accessing and utilizing the enhanced 911 system. Each prepaid wireless telephone service provider shall remit the surcharge on a monthly basis to the State 911 Department.

The purpose of the public hearings is to afford interested persons an opportunity to provide oral and/or written comment regarding the proposed regulations. Any person who wishes to be heard on this matter will be afforded a reasonable opportunity to present oral and/or written comment at a time and place designated above. Any person who wishes to comment concerning the proposed regulations may file written comments with the State 911 Department, 1380 Bay Street, Building C, Taunton, Massachusetts 02780, ATTN: Michael Kass, General Counsel or by email to michael.kass@state.ma.us. E-mailed comments should provide the sender's name, mailing address, and organization or affiliation, if any. Written comments will be accepted through April 20, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.

Anyone needing sign language interpreter services or another type of communication access must contact Elaine Ginn at (508) 828-2911 (voice), (508) 828-4572 (TTY), or by e-mail to elaine.ginn@state.ma.us no later than March 20, 2009.

Copies of the proposed regulations are available from the State 911 Department, 1380 Bay Street, Building C, Taunton, Massachusetts 02780, ATTN: Michael Kass, General Counsel and are available on the State 911 Department website at www.mass.gov/e911.

Dated: March 2, 2009

Frank Pozniak, Executive Director

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